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SOVIET DEFECTOR SAID TO HAVE TOLD U.S. ABOUT STRATEGY
TOKYO

A SOVIET MILITARY DEFECTOR THOUGHT TO
BE A GENERAL HAS BEEN TELLING U.S. AUTHORITIES ABOUT SOVIET
STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST; ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE DAILY
SANKEI SHIMBUN.

THE NEWSPAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, NAGAYOSHI SUMITA,
WROTE YESTERDAY HE HAD LEARNED ON SATURDAY THAT THE DEFECTOR,
NAMED AS GRYSIN, WAS THE HIGHEST RANKING MILITARY OFFICER EVER
TO DEFECT TO THE WEST AND WAS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE REPORT WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT.

SUMITA SAID GRYSIN WALKED ACROSS THE BORDER TO TURKEY LAST
SEPTEMBER; SOUGHT ASYLUM IN ANKARA AND WAS LATER TAKEN TO THE
UNITED STATES.

HE SAID GRYSIN WAS CHIEF OF STAFF IN THE SOVIET MILITARY
DISTRICT EAST OF THE BLACK SEA; WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS IN
TBILISI.